

Rep. Israel & leaders will hold a community meeting to discuss sewer expansion

Hauppauge, NY – On Monday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) convened a meeting of community leaders to discuss next steps for bringing sewers to Sayville and Bayport and give them an opportunity to speak directly with Acting President of the NY Environmental Facilities Corporation Matt Milea.

“We live in a county of 1.5 million people and yet we only have wastewater treatment facilities for 27 percent of those people. This week, I brought together key leaders from Sayville, Bayport, the Town of Islip, and the NY Environmental Facilities Cooperation to consider next steps for sewer expansion in Sayville and Bayport. The Sayville and Bayport communities deserve the opportunity to consider the environmental and economic benefits of sewer expansion. In the coming weeks and months, we will be gathering community input and drawing up a plan for the future,” said Rep. Israel.

Previous regional sewer installment plans have included Patchogue but Sayville and Bayport have not been able to secure funding for their expansion.

On Monday, Rep. Israel met with Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan, Suffolk County Legislator Bill Lindsay, Patchogue Mayor Paul Pontieri, Acting President of the NY Environmental Facilities Corporation Matt Milea, Michael White of the Long Island Regional Planning Board, Dan Lent of the Sayville Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency Jim Morgo and Sewer Engineer Frank Russo.

Suffolk County has sent out a request for proposals for the Sayville and Bayport sewer expansion. Rep. Israel is planning to hold a summit with government officials, environmental leaders, and the Sayville and Bayport communities to educate the communities about sewer expansion and come to a community consensus.

Rep. Israel serves on the House Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water.